

STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources will hold a rulemaking hearing pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-907 on the 23rd day of July, at 10:30 a.m., CDT, in Room F on the lower level of the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony about Title 461 of the Nebraska Administrative Code, entitled Rules Governing the Administration of the Water Resources Cash Fund, pursuant to the enactment of LB 701, Section 25, of the 100th Legislature, 2007.

The subject matter and scope of the rulemaking action are a result of the passage of LB 701, creating the Water Resources Cash Fund. Section 25 of LB 701, which will be codified as R. S. Supp. 2007 § 61-218, requires the Department of Natural Resources to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing applications for and use of the Water Resources Cash Fund by natural resources districts. These rules primarily impact all portions of Nebraska that are presently designated as fully appropriated or over appropriated, or are bound by an interstate compact or decree or a formal state contract or agreement.

Draft or working copies of the proposed rules are available for public inspection at the offices of the Secretary of State, Regulations Division, Room 343, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509 and the Department of Natural Resources, Fourth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509, or on the Department's website www.dnr.ne.gov. There is no expected fiscal impact from these regulations on state agencies, political subdivisions, or persons regulated.

All interested persons may attend and testify orally or by written submission at the hearing. Interested persons may also submit written comments prior to the hearing which will be made part of the hearing record at the time of hearing if received by the Department of Natural Resources on or before July 19, 2007. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the Administrative Officer at P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, (402) 471-2363, by July 19, 2007.